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1. Mr. Sprankle, of the House Appropriations Committee Staff, informed me that the CIA budget for FY/56 had been approved by the Appropriations Committee without any change. In view of the fact that there was no change, he stated that there would be no need for the Committee to furnish the Director of the Bureau of the Budget or the Agency with a letter of authorization. However, the Comptroller informs me that because of the carry over of the CIA reserve in "no year funds" it will be necessary to have a letter. The Comptroller will prepare a draft.

2. Mr. Claude Desautels, Legislative Assistant to Congressman Aspinall (D., Colo.) discussed with me his proposed trip to Russia on which he desires some CIA assistance. (See Memorandum for the Record dated 9 May).

3. I discussed with Mr. Johnson, of the staff of the House Civil Service Committee, the final language for inclusion in the classified pay bill if the bill contains a provision for making the pay increases retroactive. The General Accounting Office has also approved this language.

4. Cong. Peter Frelinghuysen (R., N.J.) called me regarding a possible lunch with the DCI in view of my previous call to his assistant, Mr. Prentice, suggesting June 6th. The Congressman stated that he would be glad to come in at any time for lunch, and that the 6th of June seemed a long way off. I told Mr. Frelinghuysen that I had reviewed the Director's schedule, eliminating Mondays and Fridays as difficult for the Congressman; that we have to eliminate Wednesdays because of the OCB lunch; and that the Director was also reluctant to make firm engagements for Thursdays because of the NSC meetings. The Director's first available Tuesday is 24 May. On this basis Mr. Frelinghuysen felt that the 6th of June would be satisfactory and that we should consider it firm.

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